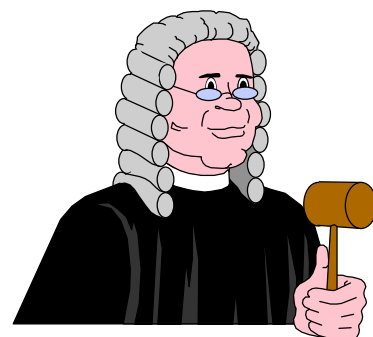


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ACCOUNTING FOR TREASURY JUDGMENT FUND TRANSACTIONS

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Interpretation of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 2, Accounting for Treasury Judgment Fund Transactions: An Interpretation of Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards Number 4 and Number 5 requires agencies to recognize liabilities and expenses when unfavorable litigation outcomes are probable and the amount can be estimated. When settlements are made with claimants and the resulting liabilities are liquidated using the Judgment Fund, agencies are required to recognize an intra-governmental financing source while FMS is required to recognize an intra-governmental expense. At the consolidation level, the financing source and expenses paid for other entities are eliminated. Once FMS determines the Judgment Fund is the appropriate source of payment of a claim, the liability is removed and an "other financing source" is recognized by the agency.

FMS will notify agencies via the Judgment Fund website (<http://www.fms.tres.gov/judgefund/>) of claims, in aggregate, that have been approved for payment from the Judgment Fund.

Agencies are requested to review the amounts paid on their behalf monthly and especially at year-end.

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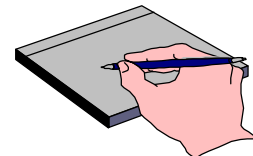
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Thank you for the overwhelming response to our Customer Satisfaction survey. We are taking your feedback and comments very seriously. Those of you who expressed an interest in participating in a focus group will be contacted individually.



COMPLETE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR SPEEDY PROCESSING

It is **CRITICAL** for Federal financial transactions reporting that you include the "subject agency" on line 5(a) of the Judgment Fund Award Data Sheet. Failure to do so will **DELAY** the certification of the payment.

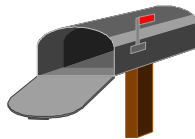
When submitting requests for payments from the Judgment Fund, please be certain to:

- ! Include your claim number or file number with each case you submit.
- ! Do not send more than one original set of documents.
- ! Use the current version of the forms. SF1144's for judgment certifications are not acceptable.
- ! **NEVER** fax your request unless we have asked you to do so.
- ! Be sure to include the social security or tax payer identification number of the claimant and/or private attorney to be paid

The check is not in the Mail?

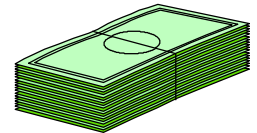
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BACK PAY CASES

Back Pay Judgment Fund cases have proved to be onerous, for you and this office. To make the payment of taxes and other withholdings easier, this office has instituted a more flexible policy of using intergovernmental transfers of funds to the employing agency.



Please call (202) 874-6664 for further information

CONTRACT DISPUTE ACT REIMBURSEMENTS



Please make sure that complete information is provided on the judgment voucher regarding the contact person's name, telephone number and reimbursement address.

On July 4, 1998, Rufus Hill Jr. retired from the Judgment Fund Branch, after 38 years of Federal Service.



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